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Local People in Santa Barbara Have Narrow Escape

REFUGEES REACH HOME

Torrance School Teachers Were Guests at Colorado Hotel

LOMITA MAN UNHARMED

Family of Mrs. Ed. Huddleston Lived Near Center of Quake District

Torrance and Lomita people who were in Santa Barbara during the recent earthquake are returning to their homes, telling of many harrowing experiences in the ill-fated city.

Miss Ethel Lay, vice-principal of the Torrance Elementary School, and Miss Mabel Ella Brown, teacher in the foreign language room of the High School, had driven to Santa Barbara Sunday to break in a new automobile which Miss Lay had just purchased. They were guests at the Colorado Hotel, which was destroyed when it was rocked by the earth tremors.

Miss Lay was on the fourth floor of the hotel when the quake came. The shock tore out the front of the building.

With her roommate, Miss Mabel Ella Brown, she quickly dressed and waited for rescue from their perilous height.

BREAKS THROUGH
After waiting for half an hour, "which seemed like a lifetime," Miss Lay explained, in the rocking, creaking building, she broke through the wall with a chair into an adjoining room and climbed down a drain pipe to the second floor. Just as she was clambering over the floor edge to take up her perilous descent to the floor below a severe shock came, her toe loosened, and she fell two stories below into a pile of debris.

She escaped, however, with only a few bruises and a sprained foot. "There were no deaths or serious injuries to guests at the Colorado hotel," Miss Lay declared today. "The building was twisted and torn apart with the whole front out to the ocean. Many had minor bruises and scratches, but none was seriously hurt."
"I was awakened by a great roar. It sounded like a great roar of waves. I arose quickly, but was thrown off my feet by the swaying of the building. Dressers and beds careened crazily about the room," said Miss Lay.

BELLEBOYS HEROES
But there was no hysteria, no needless running to and fro, she explained. The guests acted quietly and assisted others.
"The belleboys were heroes," Miss Lay declared. "They performed real acts of heroism in rescuing guests trapped high in the rooms. And they took no tips."
"I offered a boy \$10 to get my suitcase. He got it, but just smiled and said: 'Lady, I take tips when we are going the other way and Lady Luck travels with us—not when we are traveling this way.'"

MRS. HUDDLESTON'S FAMILY
Mrs. Ellen McKela and Miss Edith McKela, mother and sister of Mrs. Ed. Huddleston of Torrance, were in their home at 224 Cottage Grove Avenue in Santa Barbara, just two blocks from State Street, where practically every building was crumpled, when the quake occurred.

Miss McKela was in bed when the first shock was felt. The furniture shifted in the room and she ran for the door but before she reached it there came another tremor and in her amazement she could not find the door. In a moment her young brother, John, had the door open and they went outdoors, where they were joined by their mother and an infant nephew, all of whom were in the McKela home at the time of the quake. All escaped without injury. Aside from the rearrangement of the furniture and the breaking of glassware, there apparently was no damage to their home, said Miss McKela. A nearby house was moved three feet, and a new adobe house in the neighborhood had the roof torn out.

Miss McKela expressed her gratitude to the people of Los Angeles and Southern California for their prompt aid in supplying food and water, as well as police protection. Up to the time Miss McKela and her mother and brother left for Torrance, they slept in the open (Continued on Last Page)

Knights of Columbus Throng To Torrance Sunday; Banquet Follows Degree Work At Moose Hall

An excessively warm day did not slacken the enthusiasm of the hundreds of visitors from all over Southern California and San Francisco who came to witness the conferring of major degrees of the Knights of Columbus for the Bay District Sunday.

The degree work was exemplified in Moose Hall, which was crowded to capacity. The work was under the direction of Arthur C. Verge, district deputy of the Twenty-second District, comprising the towns of Santa Monica, Redondo Beach, and Torrance. There were several degree teams present, including one from San Francisco.

TWELVE TORRANCE MEN
The major degrees were conferred on a large class of candidates, including twelve members of Torrance Council, as follows: William T. Noonan, Thomas F. Griffin, James E. Collins, George H. Bradford, John L. Koeck, John J. Desmond, Bruce J. Barkin, Louis Sauchez, and Maurice P. Dunlavy.

BANQUET
Following the degree work at Moose Hall, a banquet was served at the Catholic Hall by the ladies of the Altar Society. Besides the visiting knights and their families, there were several guests of local Knights of Columbus, including Mayor Robert J. Deininger, who welcomed the visitors to Torrance in very hearty manner.

Attorney for Ex-Chief Anderson Killed by Earthslide; Former Lomita Bank Man in Party

John L. Richardson, whom Torrance people will remember as one of the attorneys for former Police Chief B. M. Anderson in the Anderson-Morewood extortion case, was killed in an earthslide on the Kern River Saturday night.

In the same party with Richardson were Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Aregood. Mr. Aregood was formerly president of the Lomita State Bank.

Many New Residents Coming To Torrance, Says J. C. Smith

More new families have come to Torrance to make their homes during the last week than have come within the two months preceding, according to J. C. Smith, prominent real estate dealer.

Death Closes Lingering Illness

Funeral services for the late George J. Reynolds, 2260 Redondo Boulevard, were held Saturday morning, June 27, at 10 a. m., at the Cunningham and O'Connor chapel, Los Angeles. Interment was made in Calvary cemetery. Requiem high mass was celebrated Monday at the Catholic Hall, Torrance, Rev. John Reardon officiating.

Mr. Reynolds, who had been a resident of Torrance for two years, passed away June 25, after a long illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jones and family enjoyed a swim in the Redondo plunge Monday evening.

Observations

My Old Home Town—Old Friends and New—George Welch and Jere Van Andle—Coming Home to California

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

FLINT, MICH. (My OLD HOME TOWN), June 29. (By Air Mail).—I like my old home town. I like its broad streets lined with great elms that spread their leafy limbs to form a ceiling of green over the home-lined streets. I like the gnarled oaks, beneath whose broad boughs squirrels skip and chatter. I love the light-green maples and the drooping willows that take positions of beauty beside the running streams.

So I naturally feel a bit sorry for California, where these gigantic hardwood beauties will not take root and grow.

I awaken in the room of my mother's home and gaze out of the window at a stately elm whose beautiful foliage is kissed by the morning sun. And then it seems to me that I would like to lie on that bed before that window and look at that friendly tree for weeks and weeks and weeks.

And then—then comes a vision of Winter, with snow blanketing the fields, the big trees bare and sleeping, and the running streams imprisoned under a cold, hard shell of ice.

So I conjure up a vision of a western sun sending its shaft of diamond sunlight to flash and sparkle in ever-moving beauty along the crests of the waves that lave Pacific shores. And I see the blue wonder of far hills and the glow of a sunset Chinaward.

And I'll be dog-goned if I know just where a person ought to live.

THERE is more to life, however, than scenic beauty and trees and skies and mountains. Much more important are human beings and the handful from the census that one can know as friends, in the truest and highest sense of the word.

And back here in my old home town I cannot help but compare old friends with the newer ones in the west. The conclusions are that persons are just about the same all over the world; that there is no difference between a new friend and an old friend, provided both are friends; that Californians and Michiganders (and Michigees) and Kansans, AND NEBRASKANS are subject alike to human limitations, inspired alike by human kindnesses, and animated alike by human emotions.

So a comparison and contrast of old friends with new brings me to no decision about this problem of where to find the geographical location in which happiness is most easily captured and held.

MICHIGAN folks are inclined to feel sorry for me because I live in California instead of in Florida.

On all sides I hear "Well, Florida has rather spiked California's guns, hasn't she?"

I have arranged a carefully thought-out ten-minute address as an answer to these persons, and deliver it on many occasions.

Despite my love for my old home town I positively will not let them shoot Florida skyrockets in front of me without responding with a large California Roman candle.

I WAS shocked at the news of the deaths of George Welch and Jere Van Andle. Knowing both of these gentlemen well, I was acquainted with the distinct part that each played in the development and progress of our California community.

They have gone to their rest, one from his work of directing the destinies of the vastly important building and loan association, the other from serving the community as a worth-while merchant. Like the rest of us they were intensely interested in the welfare of our community and strove diligently for its moral and material progress.

Whenever a good man dies all of us should look at the best that characterized his life and pattern our own activities accordingly.

God rest George Welch and Jere Van Andle.

MY vacation is drawing to an end. I shall soon start out on the trip homeward. And despite the beauty of the trees and streams of Michigan in June—and there are none more beautiful—I shall not be depressed to go back to California.

And in justice to my California patriotism I must say that I have carried to this particular city of the great automobile district the word that the glorious empire of the great and golden west, despite Shrine conventions, droughts, foot and mouth disease and Santa Barbara FIRES, is the most delightful place on the bosom of this planet to live and love and die.

As I tell the folks here: See Michigan and live, and then see California and die.

INSTALLATION MEETING AND WE SURE DID, TOO
The newly elected officers of Trio Rebekah Lodge will be installed by District Deputy President Mrs. Kate L. Thompson of San Pedro at the regular meeting to be held next Wednesday evening, July 8.

Miss Marian Manley of Bell is a guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Welton, of Cypress Street.

Convention of Kindergarten Union Has Much to Offer Mothers and Fathers; Held in L. A. Next Week

Of interest to all mothers, but of especial interest to those who have children of pre-school age, is the thirty-second annual convention of the International Kindergarten Union to be held in Los Angeles July 8 to 11, inclusive. Only once before has this convention been held on the Pacific Coast—in 1916, when it was held in San Francisco in conjunction with the National Education Association meet.

Miss Barbara Greenwood of the Southern Branch, U. S. C., is the first vice-president of the organization, and the general chairman for arrangements for the convention is M. Madeleine Veverka, supervisor of kindergarten and primary grades.

Practically every state in the union has its state I. K. U. organization, and all cities of any size have sometimes several branches. England, Canada, Japan, China, and Hawaii have several branches each. Alaska, Egypt, France, Korea and Mexico are represented in the membership.

The outstanding features of the convention program follow:
At Trinity Auditorium, 8 p. m.

C. of C. Regrets Loss of Hines As Director

Former Manager of Bank of America Moves to Long Beach

In recognition of the unselfish work and community service which has been rendered to Torrance by J. B. Hines, retiring director, the board of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce this week passed the following resolution:

RESOLUTION
WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce held in its quarters June 30th, 1925, the resignation of Director J. B. Hines was presented, to take effect July 1st;

AND WHEREAS, the motive prompting this resignation is attributable to the dissatisfaction and relinquishment of certain business connections in Torrance of the resignee;

AND WHEREAS, the said resignation was accepted by the Board of Directors with a feeling of deep regret at the loss of an associate member who has rendered a service distinguished and comparable to the high ideals of good citizenship;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, by these presents, convey the sentiments of the local office of the Bank of America, will be the former board of directors of the State Exchange Bank, who will act as an advisory board for the Torrance office. The members are: H. H. Dolley, W. E. B. Partridge, C. L. Bisbee, and Carl L. Hyde.

Mr. and Mrs. Leech and their two young sons are living at 1630 Anapala Street, Torrance, where they have purchased a home.

PRETTY SOFT, EH, RUTHIE?
Miss Ruth Greenlund, chief operator, says she's living the "life of Riley." Miss Greenlund left Wednesday for a week at the California offices (expenses paid), and on her return will be in charge of the office at Inglewood for two weeks.

4TH OF JULY DON'TS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
BOYS AND GIRLS, have your fun on the Fourth of July, but be careful how you have it. Protect yourselves and try not to endanger the lives and property of others. Don't throw lighted firecrackers or any kind of fireworks into paper chutes, dry grass, on roofs, or near houses. Don't hold firecrackers in your hands while lighting them. Don't stoop over fireworks of any kind that apparently have gone out, for you may lose an eye, or get seriously burned.

The police are co-operating with the fire department to see that all the ordinances are enforced.

B. F. HANNEBRINK, Fire Chief, City of Torrance.

WILL PAVE REDONDO BLVD.

Bids for Lighting and Paving Opened by Trustees Monday Night

LOWEST BID IS \$64,753.25

O. U. Miracle Awarded Job for Both Paving and Lighting

Bids for the paving and lighting of Redondo Boulevard from Madrid Avenue to Madrona Avenue were opened Monday evening by the Torrance Board of Trustees and the contract was let to O. U. Miracle, who was the low bidder.

The Miracle bid did not specify the total cost of the job, but gave prices, as did the other bids, of the cost of grading, rock base, paving lighting, separately. A compilation by City Engineer J. J. Jessup, however, gave the total cost as \$64,753.25, of which \$9500 was for boulevard lighting.

Other low bidders were George W. Kemper at \$71,142.80, and Wm. Haight at \$71,197.95. The highest bid was submitted by George R. Curtis & Co. at \$79,616.55. There were ten bidders in all.

The specifications call for a two-inch rock base with Vibrolithic cement paving, which engineers claim will be an exceptionally strong durable job.

Police Trade Paige Touring For Two Buicks

The Torrance police department have acquired two new Buick touring cars, in exchange for the Paige touring.

The new Buicks are of the Standard Six model, and were purchased from R. S. Flaherty, local Buick dealer. The purchase of the new cars was authorized at this week's meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Santa Fe Ry. Co. Gets Direct Line To Harbor Area

Will Be Great Aid in Securing New Industries for This District

The action of the State Railroad Commission in granting permission to the Santa Fe Railroad to enter the harbor district at once at grade over Anaheim Road is of utmost importance to Torrance and Lomita, as well as this entire harbor industrial area.

Factories located on the new Santa Fe right-of-way can now ship their products direct to tidewater instead of having to route them through Los Angeles via the Pacific Electric. It is believed by those in touch with industries contemplating moving to this district that this direct connection with tidewater will be a deciding factor in bringing new industries to this district.

The permit gives the Santa Fe the right to cross Anaheim Road for two years at grade at its own cost, and then make other arrangements. Meanwhile the construction of the Dominguez Slough viaduct, with its plan for unified control of the harbor railroads, is to go forward.

The Santa Fe has said it would come into the viaduct when the Southern Pacific and Pacific Electric Railways were also forced to run their lines to the harbor under the viaduct. It has a \$62,000 deposit up with the City of Los Angeles now to cover its agreement to come in within seven years. The slough viaduct, which will require about a year to construct, will cost \$55,000. It is estimated, however, that the cost of the Long Beach paving about \$2,000 of this amount. Traffic over Anaheim Road between Long Beach and Wilmington during the construction of this viaduct will be routed temporarily just north of Anaheim Road.

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